

MORTICIAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
Special Meeting  
April 16, 2002

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ROLL CALL: Steven Gordon, Chairman  
Laine Eckersell  
Jeffrey Blackmer

ALSO PRESENT: Rayola Jacobsen, Bureau Chief  
Budd Hetrick, Deputy Bureau Chief  
John Kersey, Chief Investigator  
Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney  
Roger Gable, Prosecuting Attorney  
Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Guests In Attendance: Tim Gibson, Mortician  
Dave Yraguen, Mortician

Chairman Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:04a.m.

Jeffrey Blackmer moved to approve the minutes of January 15-16, 2002 as read. Laine Eckersell seconded the motion, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed legislation and how it affects existing statutes. The proposed legislation concerns having two separate licenses, one for Funeral Directors and one for Morticians/Embalmers.

The proposed requirements for the Funeral Director are:

1. Associate degree with a C grade average on all coursework (60 semester hours in liberal arts business or science)
2. Training program for Resident Trainees (one-year apprenticeship)
3. Certificate of Authority for Funeral Directors
4. Must pass an examination. (The Arts section for the National Exam and state law exam)
5. Distance learning is available.

The trend is for more Funeral Directors and fewer Morticians or Embalmers.

The split in licenses would allow more second career opportunities, more opportunities for women and the funeral establishments would be able to more easily find quality help for arrangements without a three-year commitment for the existing licenses.

Law changes that will be required are:

- Resident Trainee changed
- FD's added to Certificate of Authority
- Fees
- Scope of Practice
- Testing
- Definition for Funeral Directors changed
- Also changes will need to be made in the Crematory. Section.

There is an Idaho Funeral Service Association tomorrow and the Board will be in attendance. After the meeting the Board may recommend the Bureau to proceed with making proposed law changes for Board review. When the proposed changes are ready, they are to be sent to all Board members and then there will be a conference call for further discussion.

Laine Eckersell moved to go into executive session for discussion of disciplinary actions. Jeffrey Blackmer seconded the motion, motion carried.

Jeffrey Blackmer moved to come out of executive session. Laine Eckersell seconded the motion, motion carried.

Jeffrey Blackmer moved to authorize the Attorney General's office to draft a consent order for MOR L6 01 02 001:

1. For probation to comply with court probation and two (2) years thereafter with all terms of parole in effect.
2. To not use illegal drugs, alcohol or controlled drugs without a doctor's prescription.
3. To submit to random drug testing if requested by the Board.
4. If he violates these conditions, the license is automatically revoked.
5. Must pay investigative costs of \$250.00 and attorney fees within 30 days of the signing of the order.

Laine Eckersell seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

For MOR P2 02A 02 002: Jeffrey Blackmer moved for the Attorney General to write a letter to them stating the use of the word Alliance does not violate Board rule but they may wish to pursue the case civilly if they feel it is a trademark issue. Laine Eckersell seconded the motion, motion carried.

A suggestion for a change in the rules from John Kersey, is to put the crematory inspection report into the rules and having a crematory log sample added to the rules. Use of the crematory log is to be mandatory by a certain date (to be set later). The Bureau is to have a draft of the rules ready for the Board to review at the next meeting.

The Board recommends to the investigative staff that during the inspections of funeral establishments and crematories, the funeral establishments are to be advised that the Coroner of the county of death must sign the “blue copy” of the death certificate.

Mr. Hetrick made a presentation to the Board on the new licensing system developed at the Bureau.

Having no further business before them, Jeffrey Blackmer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00p.m. Laine Eckersell seconded the motion, motion carried.